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Honorable Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The Committee would like to bring to your attention the Subcommittee on Evaluation's staff report, Warning: An Assessment of Intelligence Community Performance and Capability, three copies of which are enclosed.

The Committee was instructed by the full House to conduct a study of the quality of analytical capabilities and the organization of intelligence activities. This report was prepared pursuant to that direction, and as part of the Subcommittee's ongoing consideration of warning intelligence. It is intended to serve two purposes:

- to provide information and analysis necessary for future consideration of resources and evaluation of warning performance;
- to call the attention of the intelligence community to areas of relative neglect in indications and warning and to the need for more focused leadership.

The Subcommittee has found that warning is a vitally important, yet vast and elusive, mission. Effective warning draws on the performance of almost the entire intelligence community. It also requires the understanding of intelligence users, since misperceptions about the warning process can contribute to "intelligence failures." For these reasons, warning is a particularly appropriate subject for sustained Congressional oversight.

The Subcommittee on Evaluation plans to hold hearings on warning in the fall. Prior to these hearings, it will review your response to the Committee's request, made in the FY 1979 authorization bill report, for a report on actions taken to create a leadership focus for warning. Intelligence community views on that and other subjects considered in the staff report will be solicited at the time of the hearings.

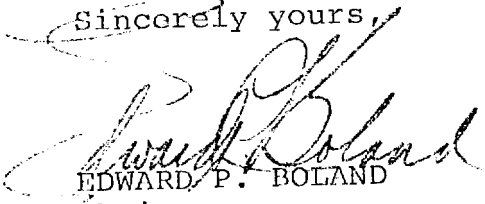
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Should you wish to comment on the staff report prior to the hearings, the Subcommittee will consider your views with great interest.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



EDWARD P. BOLAND  
Chairman

Enclosure